

## The relationship between Dog Fouling and Bathing Water Quality

Dublin City Council (DCC) is constantly striving to protect and enhance bathing water quality at our beaches. All bathing areas under the control of DCC are monitored 20 times during the bathing season which is the period from the 1<sup>st</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> September, and approximately fortnightly thereafter.

If you are a dog owner, you can assist DCC in protecting water quality at your local beach by picking up after your dog while avoiding a potential €150 fine.

It's not enough to bury the event in the sand or assume the next tide will carry it away. Studies have shown that one dog fouling event can contain up to **3,000,000,000 CFU E.Coli!** To put this in perspective, a poor bathing water result which can close a beach is anything greater than **1000 CFU E.Coli!**

We ask that you bear this information in mind the next time you enjoy a walk with your dog at your local beach.

